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Honorable Douglas Dillon
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is in response to your letter of January 28th and in confirmation of our discussion of its subject matter at our luncheon on February 4th.

The Executive Order establishing the Commission does not specifically direct the Commission to report on this particular subject. However, as we proceed with the evaluation of all the facts surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy, the effectiveness of certain procedures necessarily challenges the Commission's attention. In informal discussion, the members of the Commission have all expressed the view that if any shortcomings are observed, mention of them should be made in our report for the better protection of the lives of our Presidents in the future.

If there are any procedures which will show either the coordination of activities or the lack of it among the responsible agencies or any information which would establish the necessity for improved procedures or better coordination, the Commission would like to be made aware of it. I am of the opinion that such information could be used without going beyond the limits of the Executive Order or transgressing on the prerogative of any of the agencies of the Government. Our only purpose is to make the life of the President more secure if possible.

Sincerely,

Chairman